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SENATOR MARESH: Yes.

SENATOR MARSH: Is this the #36 item on the list of priorities on the University of Nebraska that we have in our hand? What are you going to do about 35 and 34 and 33 and 32? Do these not also deserve credit, if you are going to take one out of sequence? Is it fair to take 36 and not consider 35 and 34 and 33, which we did not fund?

SENATOR MARESH: Well, this is the one presented to me. I am fighting for this program because I feel strongly this will increase the economy of the state by millions of dollars in the future and I think we shouldn't bicker over \$12,000 if this is going to mean millions of dollars in the future and also stop the use of chemical pesticides which are polluting our streams.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator, do you think it would be possible for the University to make this decision, if it really is this high a priority for them to take \$12,000 from their multi-million dollar budget and put this at the top of their priority if they chose to do so?

SENATOR MARESH: I don't know how they determine priorities but I think there should be a review of priorities. Probably we should have a study and see how they determine these priorities. Maybe there is people who are pushing for other programs and these get ahead of the agriculture priorities so I think...I understand there are 1,000 subjects offered there by the University and I wonder, sometimes, if these are doing any good for the state. I think this program is doing some good and I wonder if the Appropriation Committee has studied some of these programs that the University is offering in the way of subjects. Senator Marsh, probably you could answer that. Do you go through the University...

SENATOR MARSH: We, on this list of priorities, funded down through #25. I have to oppose any additional additions to the budget document at this time. We do not have dollars for all our wish list, and this, if it is that high a priority, with a dollar of no more than \$12,000 could be incorporated by the University on an internal adjustment without taking legislative time or legislative money to have another amendment adopted to this document and so for that reason I will have to oppose this amendment.

SENATOR MARESH: Well, I guess that is your privilege but I think you should....

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Would Senator Maresch yield to a question?

SENATOR MARESH: Yes.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Maresch, would you give us any kind of an idea of what is being invested currently in milo research, greenbugs. I assume...well, I know there is an existing program.

SENATOR MARESH: No, I do not. That wasn't given to me. I just have the letter from Dr. Hartung where he states they need one additional technician to relieve the staff from doing